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Booking Officers

Ian & Rosalie McAndrew - 01946 822326 or imcandrew@stbees.org.uk

Priory Secretary - enquiries@stbeespriory.org.uk

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St Bees Parish A B C

Area Visitor / Good Neighbour Scheme	The parish is divided into 30 small areas each with an official Church Visitor whose task is to welcome and help people in the name of the Priory. Co-ordinator - M Westhead (822674).
Arts Society	meets every two months on the last Wednesday of the month at 8.00 p.m. Venue to be arranged. Details from Dilys Brownrigg (822584) or Chris Robson 822468.
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Choir	rehearses on Sundays at 9.30 a.m. Details from Frank Bowler, the Organist (Tel. 825307).
Churchwardens	are leading lay Church members who will be pleased to help and advise on church matters. Rosalie McAndrew (822326), Malcolm Lightfoot, Wendy Mellor, & Tom Kelly.
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Garden Society	Details from Mark Hewertson, (Tel. 01946 825468). Flower Show is held on the 3rd Saturday in August.

Guides	meet on Tuesdays from 7.00 – 8.30 p.m. Further details can be obtained from Amanda Smith or email stbeesguides@yahoo.com
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Over 60's Club	meets in Hodgett's Club on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month: 2.00 - 4.00 p.m. Details - Gill Richardson Tel. 822394.
Parish Council	The Clerk to the Council is Mrs Jane Donaldson, East House, Couderton. Tel. (01946) 822560, email pc-clerk@stbees.org.uk , who will answer queries on civil parish matters.
Parochial Church Council	meets 10 times a year. Elections for 20 members are held in March at the A.P.C.M. Its task is to spearhead the mission and ministry of the church in the Parish. PCC Secretary - Jon Mellor, jonmell@hotmail.co.uk
Playgroup (Toddler Group)	meets every Wednesday in term time only, from 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. in New College Hall, St Bees Priory. Details from Amy Linton - Email - amylinton1983@gmail.com
Pop-in Cafe	Every Thursday from 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon - Pop-in Cafe in New College Hall. Everyone welcome - Coffee and homemade cakes.
Pre-School	meets in the new building next to the Village School, All day, 5 days a week. For children of 2 years upwards. Contact on 823880.
Prayer Group	meets on Thursdays from 1.45 - 3.15 p.m. in New College Hall . All denominations welcome.
Priory Singers	rehearse in Old College Hall, Mondays at 8.00 p.m. Details from Frank Bowler. (Temp). (01946) 825307. <i>Not meeting at present.</i>
Priory Web Site	The Priory web site has up to date information on the ministry team, church services and activities. See http://www.stbeespriory.org.uk
Seagalls	meets first Tuesday of month at 7.30pm in the Seacote Hotel. Contact Judith 07772523742
St Bees Triers	Friendly running club for all abilities. Every Thursday 6pm & 7pm. Email running@triers.uk Tel. 823497 Web www.triers.co.uk
St Bees Youth Group	meets 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at 7.00 p.m. in New College Hall. All youngsters of secondary school age are welcome. See Priory website for details www.stbeespriory.co.uk/groups .
Village School Association	exists to raise funds for the school and to foster links between school and community. Secretary - via School - Tel. 822392.
Village Hall	Management Committee administers Hodgett's Club. For details and booking contact Phil or Valerie Turpin (Tel 823772).
Village in Bloom	Details from Eileen B Todd, 14 Main Street. St Bees. (Tel 822522).
Village Web Site	Information for inclusion should be sent to Ian McAndrew (822326) or imcandrew@stbees.org.uk Address is http://www.stbees.org.uk
Women's Institute	meets 2nd Monday of month at 7.30 p.m. usually in the Seacote Hotel. Contact Roxanne Benson Tel 823137.

Calendar for October 2021

3 Sunday	9.00 am	BCP Holy Communion (every Sunday except 4 th Sunday)
	10.30 am	Morning Worship
	6.00 pm	Evensong (1 st Sunday, Evening Prayer otherwise)
5 - 7 Tues to Thurs		Mission Community Walks for Climate Justice
8 Friday	7.00 pm	St Bees Youth Club, New College Hall
		Copydate for November Mag to Editor
9 Saturday	12.30 pm	Wedding – Ross Cooper & Grace Seeney
		VSA Scarecrow Festival (Village Trail)
10 Sunday	10.30 am	Holy Communion
11 Monday	7.30 pm	WI meeting, Seacote Hotel
12 Tuesday	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting, Priory
15 Friday	7.30 pm	Friends Organ Recital by Frank Bowler, Priory
16 Saturday	Morning	Decoration of Priory for Harvest Festival (flowers & produce)
17 Sunday	10.30 am	Harvest Festival & Morning Worship
18 Monday	9–11.00 am	Parcelling of Harvest Gifts
	2 - 4.00 pm	Distribution of Harvest Gifts
	6.30 pm	Parish Council meeting, Village Hall
22 Friday	7.00 pm	St Bees Youth Club, NCH
23 Saturday	10 am– 5 pm	Priory closed for Harpists recording session
24 Sunday	9.00 am	Story Service for families (no Communion service)
	10.30 am	Holy Communion
26 Tuesday	10.30am	Over 60s Trip to Houghton Hall Garden Centre (usual pickups)
31 Sunday	10.30 am	Morning Worship
	4.00 pm	All Souls Service (in memory of loved ones)

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Editor – November 2021 Magazine

The **November 2021** issue of St Bees News will be edited by **Amy Linton, Overbeck, Seamill Lane, St Bees**, who would appreciate all contributions **not later than Friday 8 October** please.

Email: amyinton1983@gmail.com **Tel:** 01946 417614

St Bees News

October 2021

“All good gifts around us
Are sent from heav’n above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord
For all his love.”

You may recognise these lyrics from a hymn that we usually sing at Harvest Festival - “We plough the fields and scatter”. After a year of festivals without congregational singing we are really looking forward to raising our voices in the words of this joyful hymn in our Harvest service on the 17th October. Each year this special service gives us all the opportunity to thank God for his gifts of food and farming in our rural communities, to share these gifts with those who have less and to pray for those who suffer because of failing harvests in the wider world.

Christians believe that all good gifts are sent from our loving God. The season of harvest is a helpful reminder to be grateful for all his love and to share what we have received with those in need.

This year you might be grateful for the food on your table, the farmers who grew it or the delivery driver who brought it to your door. These are the usual things to give thanks for at harvest time. I wonder this year, if we might think a little wider; to consider all the good gifts we receive, especially the gift of love.

The Church of England recently published a document entitled “Living in Love and Faith”. This book, and accompanying study guide, is part of the discernment process for the Anglican Church; seeking the way forward when it comes to matters relating to identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. It acknowledges that we will need to listen to one another and to God as we share strongly held views on both sides of the debate.

Issues of gender and sexuality are intrinsic to our experience; our sense of identity; our lives and the loving relationships that shape and sustain them. These are some of the “good gifts” in our lives.

The “Living in Love and Faith” resources explore these intrinsic experiences by studying what the Bible, theology, history and the social and biological sciences have to say, and by telling the real-life stories of followers of Christ with diverse experiences and convictions. From the middle of November* for five weeks St Bees parish will be joining with others; engaging, reflecting and praying through this material. We believe that the Holy Spirit will be active among us as we pray, study and deliberate together to discover Christ’s call to the Church today. We do this with a deep sense of hopefulness for a future in which Christians can follow Christ together joyfully, fruitfully and with integrity.

This autumn and Advent let us explore together what it means to be human and to care deeply for our sisters and brothers.

With love from Becky

**The Course will be running on five Tuesdays from 16th November in St John’s in the Hall, Cleator Moor, from 7-8:30pm. Contact Becky for more details*

Priory News

Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday 17 October at 10.30 am service – but no harvest lunch. We look forward to being able to decorate the church, bring harvest gifts and produce, and sing harvest hymns (with masks on though). Also Holy Communion service at 9.00 am; Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm.

Foodbank Collection Please bring items for the Foodbank as usual – tins, jars and packets, non-perishable foods – which can be left at the back of church the week before if wished, or in the Baptistry area. These will be collected by the North Lakes Foodbank later.

Harvest gifts of fruit, flowers & veg/groceries may be brought to church on Friday 15th or Saturday 16th for decorating, and then distributed to the sick and elderly in the parish on Monday. Everyone including children are welcome to bring baskets or bags of gifts to Harvest Sunday service.

Bishop's Harvest Appeal – The Diocese operates 2 projects - a Christian Aid programme in Israel and the Palestinian Territories working for peace and protection on the West Bank; and a Mothers' Union Literacy & Agriculture scheme in the Congo, protecting and benefitting thousands of women. Please leave donations to the Appeal at church services in October and use leaflets for gift-aid forms. Cheques payable to Carlisle DBF Ltd. Thank you for your support.

Distribution of Harvest Gifts to the sick, housebound and elderly and those in Care Homes or hospital – will be on Monday 18 October from 2.00 pm. Parcelling and sorting will be done in the morning from 9.00 am. Area Visitors/volunteers to contact Rosalie McAndrew if you can help.

Decoration of the Priory for Harvest Festival – Flower rota members and others who wish to help are invited to turn up on Saturday morning from 9.00 am and lend a hand – either creating flower arrangements or decorating windowsills with fruits and produce. Do please bring flowers with you!

Priory Flower Rota for October

3	Noreen Woolaghan	10	Mary McGee
17	Rota volunteers (Harvest)	24	Susan Glaister
31	Mary McGee		

Note wedding on 9th October, so church flowers not required.

Refreshments in the Priory

From October refreshments will be served after the Sunday 10 30 service in side aisles to allow space for all - a welcome return to socialising carefully

Pop-in Homemade cakes will also be served again - Hurray! Also from October. Please collect your cake of choice from the History aisle table and take to your seat.

Parish Council News

Outrigg Pavement -Work is due to start in November to extend the length of the pavement -alongside Outrigg. There has been concern for some time about the safety of pedestrians in this area and it is hoped that an extension of the pavement will improve the situation, particularly for children and parents walking to /from the Village School. The work will be funded by CCC with a contribution from St Bees Parish Council.

Litter- With more people taking holidays at home, St Bees seafront saw an increased number of visitors over the summer, placing increased pressure on the litter bins. At the same time Copeland Borough Council experienced staffing difficulties due to Covid. Volunteers from the Parish Council and St Bees Litter Champions helped to minimise litter at the seafront over the summer. They helped by picking up loose items and emptying litter bins as needed to create space for extra rubbish to be disposed of responsibly. Discussions are still taking place with CBC about ways to deal with the volume of litter at the main beach. The Parish Council would like to see more effective seagull-proof litter bins for the seafront to cope with increased volumes of rubbish.

Local Plan – CBC is consulting on proposed changes to the draft Local Plan which was published a few months ago. This is an important document which, when approved, will guide development in the area for the coming years. The main change for St Bees is that the site at Scalebarrow which was previously designated as a site for housing development has been removed, as it is now deemed unsuitable on highways grounds. A new proposed site for housing development has been included to the south of Fairladies. Details of the proposed changes to the Plan can be found in the Local Plan section of the CBC web-site. The consultation runs until 17 October and everyone is welcome to take part.

Bag It, Bin It campaign- The Parish Council has purchased five dispensers for dog bags, enabling dog owners to still pick up after their dog if they have run out of bags. The dispensers are located by the galleon in the seafront play area, entrance to the Dandy Walk, near the bottom of Outrigg and top of Sea Mill Lane, and Sea Mill car park. You can still pick up a free dog bag from St Bees Post Office and Hartley's Beach Café. Used dog bags can then be placed in any litter bin.

Alongside the dog bag dispensers, St Bees Parish Council has set up Dutiful Dog Walkers. If you would like to display a poster in your window to show other dog owners that you always pick up after your dog and exercise your dog responsibly, please contact Amy Linton for further details -amylinton1983@gmail.com.

Next Meeting – The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday 18 October at 6.30pm in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings.

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What's On at the Priory in October

Churches Together in Egremont One World Week event – Tuesday 26 Oct. at 6.00 pm at Meeting Place, Egremont Methodist church. A Talk on Sri Lanka will be given by Val Rudd (her native country) followed by a Bring & Share meal. All welcome.

St Bees Youth Club – will meet in NCH on Fridays 8 Oct. & 22 Oct. from 7.00 to 8.30 pm. for games, music, snacks, & social chat. For secondary school youth of 12 to 14 years. Full size table-tennis table now in use upstairs - kindly donated by Sarah & Mark George.

Shoebbox Appeal – note earlier deadline in November – be prepared!

This year the Priory will continue to support Boxes of Hope Cumbria, so we will be collecting filled shoeboxes for the children and families in eastern Europe. Please fill the boxes with the usual knitted hats, gloves and scarves; toiletries and toys; writing items (pencils or biros and notepads). Do pick up a leaflet from church with instructions and form (£2 requested for transport costs).

Contact Rosalie McAndrew, or Noreen Woolaghan, for details.

Please deliver your shoebox to the Priory by Sunday 7th November at the latest.

From the Priory Registers

Holy Matrimony

11 Sept. James Mark Powell and Rachel Catherine Gunston Talke, Stoke-on-Trent
18 Sept. Samuel Calvin and Terri-Louise Herbert Tower Hill, Whitehaven.

Christian Funeral

9 Sept. Richard Brown (Dick) Wyndhowe, Seamill Lane, St Bees
10 Sept. Stewart Anderson Miller 33 The Crofts, St Bees

May God's blessing be upon you all and your families.

Sincere Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Dick Brown, former nurseryman and gardener, mourning the sad loss of a loving husband of the late Sheila, dear father of Yvonne and David, grandpa, and friend and neighbour to many in St Bees. Much loved and never forgotten. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time.

Deepest Sympathy goes to the family, friends and colleagues of Stewart Miller of the Crofts, mourning the great loss of a dearly loved family man who died after a short but bravely borne illness. Always remembered by his wife Helen, their son Kristian with Kimberley, William and Joshua. We keep them in our prayers in their sadness.

All Souls Day Service in memory of loved ones who have died recently will be held at the Priory on Sunday 31 October at 4.00 pm. Names may be written on the list at the back of church in October.

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News from the Village School

We have had a brilliant start to the new school year! The children have settled back in really well and are getting used to their new entrances, teacher and classrooms. It's been lovely seeing different year groups playing together at break and lunch times again as well as all children being able to have their lunch in the dinner hall together. Long may it continue!

We will gradually be increasing our mixed group activities within school. We have re-introduced Key Stage assemblies and peripatetic music lessons, swimming lessons have returned and we will be welcoming back JudoKnight to run the after school Judo club. Hopefully, school activity clubs will begin after half term too. We do hope that we can soon get back to where we were before the pandemic started.

We are looking forward to our **VSA's autumn event; the Scarecrow Trail** will take place this year on Saturday 9th – Sunday 10th October. Everyone in St Bees, Nethertown, Rottington and Sandwith is welcome to enter. Families of children in school who do not live in any of these districts can still enter and bring their scarecrow to be displayed in the school grounds. Please register your scarecrow with us, for free, on 01946 822392 by **6th October**. Trail maps are £2.00 and can be bought on the day from the school carpark between 10.00 – 12.00.

Sadly, both the VSA Chair and Treasurer are standing down from their roles this term, which means the VSA will be folding as a charity shortly. It will be a very sad occasion as the VSA have supported school for many, many years and provided some wonderful activities for children, parents and the wider community. If you feel you may be able to help, or step up and take on one of these roles, please do get in touch as soon as possible so that we can avoid losing the VSA altogether.

Thank you for your continued support,

ELSharp

Emma Sharp, Head teacher

Dictionary B

Baby	Something with a loud voice at one end and irresponsible at the other.
Bagpipes	An instrument that a gentleman should be able to play but thankfully does not.
Betting	Putting money on a horse to prevent it winning
Bore	A person who talks when you want him to listen
Boss	The person who is late when you are early and early when you are late
Brave	An adjective that describes the first person to swallow an oyster
Bribe	A device which enables planning officers to go on expensive foreign holidays.

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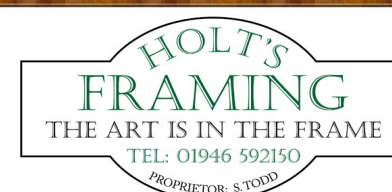
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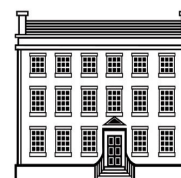
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Recital on the Father Willis organ by Frank Bowler on Friday 15th October at 7.30pm in the Priory Church. to include old ones, loved ones, music familiar and music not so familiar. Requests within reason may be considered (but also ignored completely!). Choose your own pew in the Priory (bring your own cushion if you wish), for a programme of some 50-60 minutes of entertainment. Retiring collection in aid of the Friends of the Priory.

Pop-In Café at the Priory continues to meet on Thursdays from 10.30 am to 12 noon, serving teas/coffees and choc biscuits – and hopefully soon home-made cakes!

Over 60s Club: Well, here we are in September already. I hope you are all keeping safe. We hoped to be starting our meetings this month but have decided to postpone them until February next year. We are, however, having a trip to Houghton Hall Garden Centre on October 26th. The bus will leave the Odd Fellows pub at 10 30 am with the usual pickups. If you wish to go on this trip, can you let me know - Gill Richardson tel 07890195727 or Dot Amor tel 822622. This trip is open to non-members. We are also planning to have our Christmas dinner in December: details later.

Welcome to Ann Marie, Tamsin, Holly and Bradley at 5, The Crofts.

Amy Linton writes: You can now recycle any brand of the following items at the drop off points detailed below:

Pens (including felt tips, markers, highlighters and correction fluid/tape) at St Bees Post Office.

Plastic toothbrushes, electric toothbrush heads, toothpaste tubes, dental floss containers and any packaging associated with these on the step of 61 Main Street.

Crisp packets (multi-pack size, but no nuts, popcorn, pretzels or meat snacks) at Hartley's Beach Café.

Plastic packaging from biscuits, crackers and cake bars on the step of Overbeck, Sea Mill Lane.

Plastic packaging from chocolate and sweets (including pouches, individual bars, multi-packs and block bars) on the step of Overbeck, Sea Mill Lane.

Thank you to everyone already using the new recycling points to help keep these items out of landfill and thank you to those hosting drop- off points.

Best wishes to Brian Edwards of Sea View as he continues to recover from his surgery in hospital in Newcastle.

Lowes Court Gallery Open Evening – will be held on Monday 4 October at 7.00 pm when artworks in the 'Egremont on the Easel' competition of September will be displayed on the Feature Wall and the winners announced.

Are you interested in how we can reduce carbon emissions and waste as a community? If so, join St Bees Green Future. Find us on Facebook or look out for details of meetings on noticeboards.

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Mr Chad and the Squnaderbug

Many readers may not have come across the images referred to in last month's History article - Mr Chad and the Squanderbug. They somehow failed to make an appearance then, so are printed here now.

The article was about a recent Decluttering exercise at our Village school, and told of an old desk which went to the skip with the rubbish. A wartime pupil had left his mark on it by way of skilfully carved pictures under the lid.

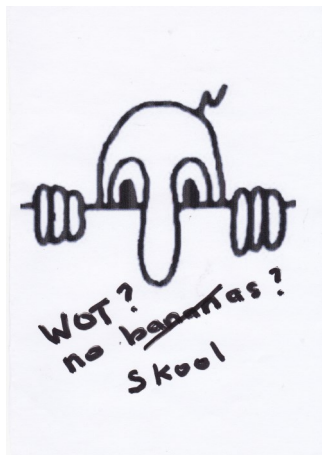
The trouble was ... images were needed to illustrate his work. Only readers who had lived through the war could have pictured Mr. Chad, or Hitler's friend the Squanderbug. Both were commemorated on that desk by whoever had sat at it, but without illustration my words made little sense.

Mr. Chad was not an official caricature. Apparently he had his beginning in a Professor Chadwick's lecture to some airmen, one of whom made a kwrky picture from a circuit diagram left on the blackboard. However that may be, Mr. Chad quickly caught on, and with his "WOT NO ... ?" slogan was soon seen all over the country. Chalked up wherever there were shortages, his presence caused people to smile rather than grumble. I recall that in my home village, where Billie Arnold kept the tiny corner shop, Mr. Chad often spread across its frontage. I wonder: does anyone remember him here?

The Squanderbug, unlike Chad, was a totally official figure. He was a product of the National Savings Committee. An ugly, swastika-covered creature, his supposed purpose in life was to encourage wasteful or frivolous purchasing; "Hitler's friend, he makes you spend" was the slogan that went with him. He appeared a-thousand-fold in poster form, and frequently in Press advertising. Shopkeepers, needless to say, had mixed feelings about him!

For all those who've asked, here are the illustrations that should have been in the last St. Bees News.

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Calling Budding Local Artists

After the release of the lockdowns, the West Cumberland Railway Museum (opposite the Post Office) has so far only been open by appointment. However, its owner is proposing to have a special re-opening event combining the regular local railwayana exhibits with works of art produced by local artists.

Opening days will be Tuesday 12th October up to and including Sunday 17th October, 10.00 until 16.00, with the usual free entry for all.

A number of artistic works have already been sourced but if you'd like yours to be considered for inclusion, please contact petergrooke@btinternet.com beforehand. If it proves to be a success, it'll no doubt be repeated, so do come along and see both some historic artefacts and maybe some future masterpieces !

Due to the museum being quite cosy, please wear a facemask whilst visiting unless exempt.

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St Bees School

Fell walking club established at St Bees School

On Sunday 12th September 2021 we opened our Wainwright Club with a superb first day out.

A multinational (England, Germany, Italy, Romania, Spain, Ukraine) football-sized team of 11 students, accompanied by Mr Silk, Miss Popescu and Mr Mackman set out from the Bowness Knot Car Park at Ennerdale Water on what turned out to be a perfect day for walking in the fells.

The climb was certainly not easy, but all persevered and, with encouragement, made it to the top of their first Wainwright, Great Borne, to choruses of “Sir, Miss, are we going down now?” All the students, blisters aside, realised how wonderful the fells are once you are on top of them.

As the weather cleared, the distant fells, coupled with views of Ennerdale on one side and Crummock Water on the other, helped them to appreciate just why we persevere to the top of the fells in the first place. The next Wainwright, Starling Dodd, saw students enjoy their first lunch on the fells. We then headed to our true summit for the day and the joys of Red Pike.

Although many of the students were tiring by then, their appreciation was abundant as they took in the delightful view of Buttermere and other waters far below. The cloud had cleared from the high peaks as well, with Great Gable, Pillar and Scafell all in view.

As we descended the steep slope, with a bit of scree-running thrown into the mix, the sun came out and our weary legs were given a new lease of life. A wander down the lake beckoned for our last hour and some tired, happy and, in some instances, rather relieved bodies climbed into the school minibus at the end of an excellent inaugural day out for the St Bees Wainwright Club.

Well done to all who took part!

Mr Silk and Miss Popescu

Mission Community Walks for Climate Justice

From Tuesday 5 to Thursday 7 October church ministers will lead 3 walks . Joined by parishioners - linking churches to raise awareness of the COP Conference and climate change.

Tuesday 5 October Start at St Paul’s Frizington round Crosslacon churches. 10.30am to 4.30pm - 13 miles. Start with prayers at 10.00 am and end with prayers.

Wednesday 6 October St Bees Priory to Ennerdale via Bigrigg and Cleator Moor. 9.15 am to 3.00 pm. 10 miles. Prayers at St Bees at 9.00 am.

Thursday 7 October Egremont Parish Church to Cleator. 9.15 am to 3.00 pm. 5 miles. All welcome to walk any distance wished or join in the prayers.

Lunga’s Summer

Hello again everyone. It's Lunga checking in to see how you have enjoyed the summer.

Do you like strawberries? I find that I do, and also raspberries when mammy took me to the caravan. Currently mammy keeps picking blackberries and I usually get one or two. I also like apples and will even eat the core as well as little bits of cauliflower, broccoli and kale that come my way.

When it's hot I like wallowing like a hippo, preferably in a stream. However, mammy does not like it when I wallow in mud – I can’t think why!! Flotation is very interesting: when mammy throws a stone into the sea it seems to sink to the bottom – how can that be? A stick will float but moves away and then comes back in the sea – so it is still hard to pick it out. If the stick is in the fast flowing Pow Beck I have to be quick to catch it up. When the tide is out I like to run on the sand and also all dig it up. I also often find interesting things to chew but mammy would rather that plastic did not come my way!!

Sorry if I get distracted by you or your dog – I only want to play. At times it is best to sit down and watch who is coming, but if I cannot see you, I feel it is safer to bark – sorry for that.

One day we went to Fleswick Bay. It was a long way but it was good. I also went to Blea Tarn in Eskdale when it was hot so enjoyed the cool water there. Fascinating too are the insects. The ants are so busy, and the bees take no notice of me. Mammy tells me to take care with the wasps.

Do take care yourselves. That’s all for now as it is a hot day and I need another nap in the shade.

WI News

Our first meeting in 18 months was held at our new venue, The Seacote Hotel. All safety measures were in place: hand gel, masks, distancing, signing into the venue.

Our first speaker was Ruth Sutton, an author from Waberthwaite, who agreed to come and talk to us at short notice, as sadly our original speaker Lesley Connolly (Handmade Jewellery) couldn’t make it. It was lovely to see our members gather together in such a long time, we also had a good turn out of visitors who all enjoyed our new venue. After Ruth’s wonderful talk, about becoming an author in later life, and getting the insight into some of her plots for her books which are set in Cumbria, we had a catch up and cuppa, and were also able to purchase a good read!

Our next meeting is Monday 11th October at 7.30pm at the Seacote. We are welcoming Kim Willoughby ‘Lakeland Leather Design’, who will be telling us all about her Leather Business, There will also be the opportunity to purchase hand-made leather goods. New Members most welcome, do come along and join us. Further details from Roxanne Benson 823137, our Facebook page www.facebook.com/St-Bees-WI also village notice boards.

Bishop's Harvest Appeal

What is the Bishop's Harvest Appeal and why should I support it?

This year is the second of a 3 year cycle of the Bishop's Harvest Appeal, that supports projects across the globe that reflect the harvest theme. Lack of education is a barrier to improving lives and breaking the cycle of extreme poverty. Climate change is impacting some of the poorest countries most, so farmers need to learn new techniques. The Bishop's Harvest Appeal works to counteract these disadvantages in various countries.

One project is in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), where they are focusing on teaching literacy and numeracy skills as well as teaching new agricultural techniques and the other is in Palestine, rehabilitating wells to provide water for farms, through the Agricultural Development Association.

Usually, the diocese is able to send about £12,000/year for each supported project, but because of Covid restrictions, it was less last year. Please consider donating to these worthwhile projects through the priory or by visiting <https://www.carlislediocese.org.uk/harvestappeal/> where you can also find more information, leaflets and films.

If you run a group, I am happy to come and talk about the projects and the stories behind them.

A particular thank you to those of you who helped with running the refreshments at Egremont farmers' Market to raise £261.45 for the projects. At Harvest we give thanks for what we have. Please give a small amount in gratitude to help others

Treat the world gently:

It is traditional to give thanks for what we have at harvest time. As we do give thanks let's also think

Wise use: Could we be more considerate of the impact on others and the earth by what we buy and how we live?

Re-use: in what ways can we avoid waste that is destructive to our beautiful world?

Dis-use: What could we cut down on that would protect our environment?

Enjoy the challenge!

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Egremont Farmers Market

Egremont Farmers Market (Craft & Produce) in Market Hall - Friday 15 October 9.30am to 12.30

Do come along to buy local farmers' fresh produce and Fairtrade goods for sale too. Come & support charities and many other craft & produce stall-holders. Refreshments served.

St Bees Seagalls

Hello All, The 'Galls are back up and running and we wish all St Bees News readers a happy and healthy autumn and winter. After the uncertainty of the past year or more, we thought it better to wait and resume our meetings until we could all meet up safely.

With that in mind, we held our first meet up on a lovely day in August, hosted by Joan Kay in her garden. It was lovely to see everyone, old and new faces and have a good catch up. Many thanks also to our Seacote Gardens members for the impromptu buffet.

The Seagalls have decided to donate some of existing funds to charity, namely, £150.00 Young Minds, £75.00 Motor Neurone Disease Association and £75.00 West Cumbria Blind Society.

Thursday Sept 9th is our next meeting, Casa Romana and then *Kinky Boots* by Whitehaven Theatre Group is on the agenda. October sees us invited to Swain Hair in Whitehaven by Jennifer and Andrew Swain for hairdressing top tips and a glass of wine or prosecco.

Julie Kelly will take over the writing of our contributions next month and many thanks to Angela for her penmanship over the past few years. Thanks also to Lynne Arrighi for all her hard work in the past as she hands over her organisational role and to Donna McMullen for treasurer duties.

For information, our Guest Speaker meetings will continue to be held in the Seacote Hotel on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7pm. The exception to this will be detailed when we have trips out and about as in our September meeting. Please see our updated Facebook Page, and local Parish Noticeboards for our new Annual Timetable.

If you are new to the village or would like to join us, you are more than welcome, please see contact details in the back of the magazine.

Best wishes, *The Seagalls*.

Cornerstone Bookshop

The Cornerstone Christian Bookshop has resumed its normal working hours and is open all day from Monday to Saturday 10.00 am to 4.00 pm (to 1.30 pm on Wednesdays).

Caroline Lowman the shop manager is assisted by Colin Campbell as business manager who manages Christian bookshops in Belfast and Chester, plus a new shop in Edinburgh (Mound Books). The Trustees have invested in more book stock, and will soon launch a new online ordering website, as most of the stock has been uploaded to the new online system.

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